## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 5 & 6 are amended by deleting multiple dependent. New claim 7 was added which covers subject matter deleted from claim 5. New claims 8 and 9 were added covering subject matter deleted from claim 6. No new matter is added by the amendment to the claims.

As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-2447.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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